



NEWS RELEASE

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15.3 pounds of Cocaine Seized

Falfurrias, Texas – August 22, 2002, at approximately 7:30 am, a non-Mexican National who is a legal resident of Mexico arrived at the Border Patrol Checkpoint, south of Falfurrias, Texas, driving a 1994 Dodge Shadow. The agent on primary questioned him as to his immigration status, while another agent with a canine performed a free air inspection of the vehicle. The canine alerted to the front passenger side area of the engine compartment.

Agents were granted consent to perform a more intensified search of the vehicle by the driver. In secondary, the canine again alerted to the engine portion of the vehicle and glove compartment area. Agents discovered seven bundles of cocaine hidden in the air-condition core of the vehicle located underneath the dashboard area. The man stated he was headed to Corpus Christi, Texas. Subject was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Cocaine with the intent to distribute.

The eight bundles of cocaine weighed 15.3 pounds and were valued at \$489,600.00. The case was turned over to DEA in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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